

REMARKS

Claims 9, 10, and 12-17 have been cancelled. The claims remaining in the application are 1-8, 11, and 18-21.

Drawings

A copy of the formal drawings are submitted herewith with a copy of the Letter to the Official Draftsperson. Approval by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

Specification

The title of the invention has been amended to make it clearly indicative of the invention.

Claim Note

Claim 1 has been amended to correct the informality noted in the Office Action.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Office Action has rejected claims 9-10 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Osawa (JP 200-301253). This rejection is respectfully traversed. Claims 9, 10, and 17 have been cancelled via the present amendment.

The Office Action has rejected claims 9 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Goodwin et al. (U.S. 3,413,915). This rejection is respectfully traversed. Claims 9 and 12 have been cancelled via the present amendment.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action has allowed claims 1-8 and 19-21.

The Office Action has objected to claims 11, 13-16, and 18 but will allow them if they are rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

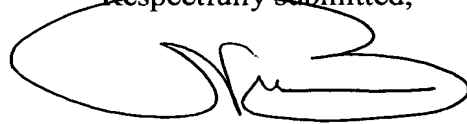
CONCLUSION

Dependent claims not specifically addressed add additional limitations to the independent claims, which have been distinguished from the prior art and are therefore also patentable.

In conclusion, none of the prior art cited by the Office Action discloses the limitations of the claims of the present invention, either individually or in combination. Therefore, it is believed that the claims are allowable.

If the Examiner is of the opinion that additional modifications to the claims are necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, he is invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the number listed below for a telephone interview and Examiner's amendment.

Respectfully submitted,



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If the Examiner is unable to reach the Applicant(s) Attorney at the telephone number provided, the Examiner is requested to communicate with Eastman Kodak Company Patent Operations at (585) 477-4656.

Enclosures: Copy of Letter to Draftsperson
Copy of Formal Drawings